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SUBJ: GOG AIDE MEMOIRE ON SOUTH AFRICAN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA

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1. I WAS SUMMONED AFTERNOON OF DEC 22 TO MEET COMMISSIONER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS FELLI, WHO PRESENTED AN AIDE MEMOIRE ON THE SUBJECT OF THE INTERVENTION OF SOUTH AFRICA IN ANGOLA (TEXT BY REFTEL). FELLI WAS JOINED BY SENIOR PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OTOO AND AMERICAS DIRECTOR LAMPTEY; POLCOUNS BAXTER ACCOMPANIED ME. ITALIAN AMBASSADOR WAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING MY CALL; FELLI SAID HE WOULD BE GIVEN SAME OR SIMILAR MESSAGE IN HIS CAPACITY AS REPRESENTATIVE OF COUNTRY PRESENTLY CHAIRING EC-9.

2. FELLI'S PRESENTATION WAS ONE OF STRONG DEPLORING OF SOUTH AFRICAN ACTIONS ACCCOMPANIED BY STATEMENT THAT "THOSE COUNTRIES WITH GREATEST INFLUENCE WITH SOUTH AFRICA" SHOULD WORK TO SECURE DISENGAGEMENT OF "RACIALIST" FORCES FROM ASSOCIATION WITH UNITA, FNLA OR BOTH, FELLI EMPHASIZED THAT GHANA INTENDED TO MAINTAIN ITS POLICY ON ANGOLA (I.E. RECONCILIATION OF THREE FACTIONS THROUGH OAU AND WITHHOLDING OF RECOGNITION UNTIL CONFIDENTIAL

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COALITION COULD BE FORMED) BUT STATED IN UNEQUIVOCAL TERMS

THAT SOUTH AFRICA HAD ADDED NEW DIMENSION TO ANGOLA. HE SAID ALMOST ALL OF BLACK AFRICA WOULD BE SWAYED BY THIS AND THAT ROLE GHANA AND OTHERS HOPE TO BE ABLE TO PLAY AT ADDIS ABABA NEXT MONTH WOULD BE UNDERMINED IF "APARTHEID" FORCES NOT REMOVED FROM ANGOLA BY THEN.

3. I ASKED IF GHANA FELT AS STRONGLY ABOUT OTHER DIRECT OUTSIDE INTERVENTION INCLUDING THAT OF THE SOVIET UNION AND CUBA. HE SAID THAT HE AND HEAD OF STATE HAD TOLD MPLA PREMIER DEC 21 THAT GHANA WOULD LOOK WITH DISPLEASURE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ANY BASE OR STRONG INFLUENCE IN ANGOLA BY ANY OUTSIDE POWER. HE ADDED THAT HE HAD MET WITH SOVIETS HERE AND WAS SCHEDULED TO MEET THEM AGAIN ON SUBJECT OF ANGOLA.

4. THIS AGAIN UNDERLINES WHAT WE HAVE SAID IN SEVERAL TELEGRAMS IN RECENT PAST. SOUTH AFRICAN PRESENCE MAKES IT DIFFICULT FOR COUNTRIES SUCH AS GHANA TO MAINTAIN A POLICY LINE TO WHICH WE WISH THEM TO ADHERE. I SAID THAT I FELT WE HAD LITTLE INFLUENCE WITH SOUTH AFRICA FOR IF WE DID A LARGE NUMBER OF THINGS WOULD BE DIFFERENT THERE. NONETHELESS, I CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT A CLEAR AND UNEQUIVOCAL STATEMENT DISAPPROVING ALL REPEAT ALL DIRECT INTERVENTION WOULD BE HELPFUL TO US HERE AND DOUBTELSS ELSEWHERE IN SU-SAHARAN AFRICA. AIDE MEMOIRE CLOSES WITH STATEMENT THAT UNLESS SOUTH AFRICA WITHDRAWS QUOTE GOVERNMENT OF GHANA WOULD BE LEFT WITH NO ALTERNATIVE OTHER THAN TO COMMIT ITS FULL SUPPORT AND RECOGNITION TO MPLA AS THE SOLE RELIABLE OPPONENT OF APARTHEID IN ANGOLA UNQUOTE AND THAT THE QUOTE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CONSEQUENCES UNQUOTE WILL BE THAT OF THOSE ASSUMED TO HAVE QUOTE INFLUENCE WITH THE VORTSTER REGIME UNQUOTE.

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